CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A method for detecting plagiarism comprising:

    a) handing in a document to be reviewed which
        includes steps of

        (1) receiving checker ID and checker password from
            an individual submitting the document to be
            checked,

        (2) verifying checker ID and password,

        (3) setting a current directory based on the
            checker password,

        (4) submitting a document from the individual
            submitting the document to be checked to the
            checker,

        (5) reading in the document submitted by the
            individual to the checker,

        (6) storing each sentence in the document in an
            array of string variables,

        (7) converting each sentence in the document
            submitted by the individual into a numerical
            value according to the formula

$$V = \sum_{i}^{n} (a_i)^2$$

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where V is a numerical value assigned to each sentence in the submitted document, n is the number of characters in the sentence in the document submitted for which V is being determined, and a_i is the ASCII value of the ith character in the sentence in the document submitted for which V is being determined, including

(A) setting the numerical value of each sentence in the document submitted to 0,

(B) squaring the ASCII value of each character in each sentence in the submitted document,

(C) adding the values of the squared ASCII values together for each sentence in the submitted document to determine the numerical value to be assigned to each sentence in the submitted document;

b)   creating an archive for the checker based on the checker ID;

c)   creating a file for the individual submitting the document in the checker archive based on the checker ID including

(1) writing each sentence on an available line of

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the file created for the individual in the checker archive, and

(2) writing the numerical value of each sentence on a next available line in the file created for the individual in the checker archive;

d) validating the file from the individual to the checker including

(1) reading the checker ID,

(2) setting a current directory based on the checker ID,

(3) reading in all files from the current directory,

(4) displaying a list of all individuals that have submitted documents to the checker,

(5) selecting an individual from the list of all individuals to view a document that has been submitted by that selected individual, and

(6) displaying the document submitted by the selected individual in a rich text box; and

e) checking the displayed document for plagiarism by

(1) inputting the checker ID,

(2) setting current directory based on the checker ID,

(3) selecting an archive to compare the file

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submitted by the individual against,

(4) reading in each document from the selected
archive,

(5) setting a numerical value for each sentence in
the selected archive according to the formula

$$V = \sum_{i}^{n} (a_i)^2$$

where V is a numerical value assigned to each
sentence in the archive, n is the number of
characters in the sentence in the archive for
which V is being determined, and a_i is the
ASCII value of the ith character in the
sentence in the archive for which V is being
determined,

(6) reading in and storing the numerical values
for each sentence in the document being
checked,

(7) sorting the numerical values of all sentences
in the document being checked using a comb-
type sort,

(8) checking for essentially identical sentences
by scrolling through the sorted list,

(9) comparing the numerical value of each sentence

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in the document being checked to a numerical

value for each sentence in the selected

archive,

(10) if the compared numerical value for a

sentence in the document being checked is

essentially the same as the numerical value

for a sentence in a sentence in the selected

archive, making a record that two sentences

matched and continuing to check each sentence

in the document being checked against

sentences in the selected archive, and

(11) reporting the number of records made during

the checking of the submitted document.

2.   The method as described in claim 1 wherein the selected

archive includes other documents submitted by the

student submitting a document to the teacher.

3.   A method for detecting plagiarism comprising:

a)   submitting a document to be checked;

b)   placing a numerical value on each sentence in the

document to be checked according to the formula

$$V = \sum_{i}^{n} (a_i)^2$$

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where V is a numerical value assigned to each sentence in the document to be checked, n is the number of characters in the sentence in the document to be checked for which V is being determined, and a_i is the ASCII value of the ith character in the sentence in the document to be checked for which V is being determined;

c) selecting an archive against which the document to be checked is to be checked;

d) placing a numerical value on each sentence in the archive according to the formula

$$V = \sum_{i}^{n} (a_i)^2$$

where V is a numerical value assigned to each sentence in the archive, n is the number of characters in the sentence in the archive for which V is being determined, and a_i is the ASCII value of the ith character in the sentence in the archive for which V is being determined;

e) comparing the numerical values of each sentence in the document to be checked against the numerical values of each sentence in the archive; and

f) identifying sentences from the document being

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checked that have numerical values essentially
equal to numerical values of sentences in the
archive.